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## Law Student to Challenge SSMU

REFERENDUM CALLED UNCONSTITUTIONAL WHILE SSMU COUNCILLORS SLING MUD OVER MSF QUESTION

BY JASON CHOW

A self-declared "average" law student is about to challenge the constitutionality of the SSMU's referendum question regarding the McGill Students' Fund (MSF).

François Tanguay-Renaud promised that he would bring the referendum question to the Chief Returning Officer and try to prove that it breaches the SSMU constitution.

"There will be a challenge — definitely."

A committee headed by Tanguay-Renaud that also includes Law Students' Association President Mario Negro will meet next week to devise their strategy. If necessary, he will pursue the case to the Judicial Board.

Tanguay-Renaud said that the question is unconstitutional for three reasons. First, he believed that the question was unclear. Second, he saw that three issues were being brought under one question. (The proposed McGill Students' Fund would allocate its money to library improvement, renovations, and to bursaries for needy students.) The SSMU constitution forbids more than one issue be brought to referendum during one referendum period.

Also, Tanguay-Renaud argued that according to the constitution SSMU cannot increase Society fees twice during one year. According to him, SSMU has already increased fees with the Sexual Assault Centre raise in fees from last semester's referendum.

Although outraged by the Society's question, he said that he was in support of the spirit of the Fund.

"I am not against the project itself," he said. "But I believe so much in our community that this project has to be done right. We need to protect our rights.... This is a crime — you cannot violate the constitution."

Tanguay-Renaud brought some of his objections to the question at last Thursday's meeting. SSMU President Duncan Reid said that the question pertained to one single issue.

"It is one solid concept, not three separate fees," said Reid.

Thursday's meeting: soap-opera

Emotions ran high, passions flared, and alliances broke in the name of student politics at last Thursday's SSMU meeting.

A special meeting was held to arrange a referendum question on the proposed McGill Students' Fund. The Fund would ask students to pay \$38 each semester to library improvement, renovations on the Shatner building, and to the creation of Access Bursary Funds for needy students.

The four hour event included numerous attempts at amendments and grand-standing speeches speaking for and against each nuance.

The meeting began with a motion presented by Reid regarding the referendum question. The question would ask students whether or not they supported the plan understanding that a full opt-out was possible.

He argued that students who will be coming in following years should also have an option and not be bound by a vote in which they had no say.

"Students who come to McGill after this year, who didn't vote on this should be able to choose not to pay," he said.

He also argued that having an opt-out clause would make the Fund an easier sell to students.

"All critics are concerned about is the opt-out — even the most extreme of them," he said.

VP External Jeff Feiner spoke in favour of the opt-out clause and

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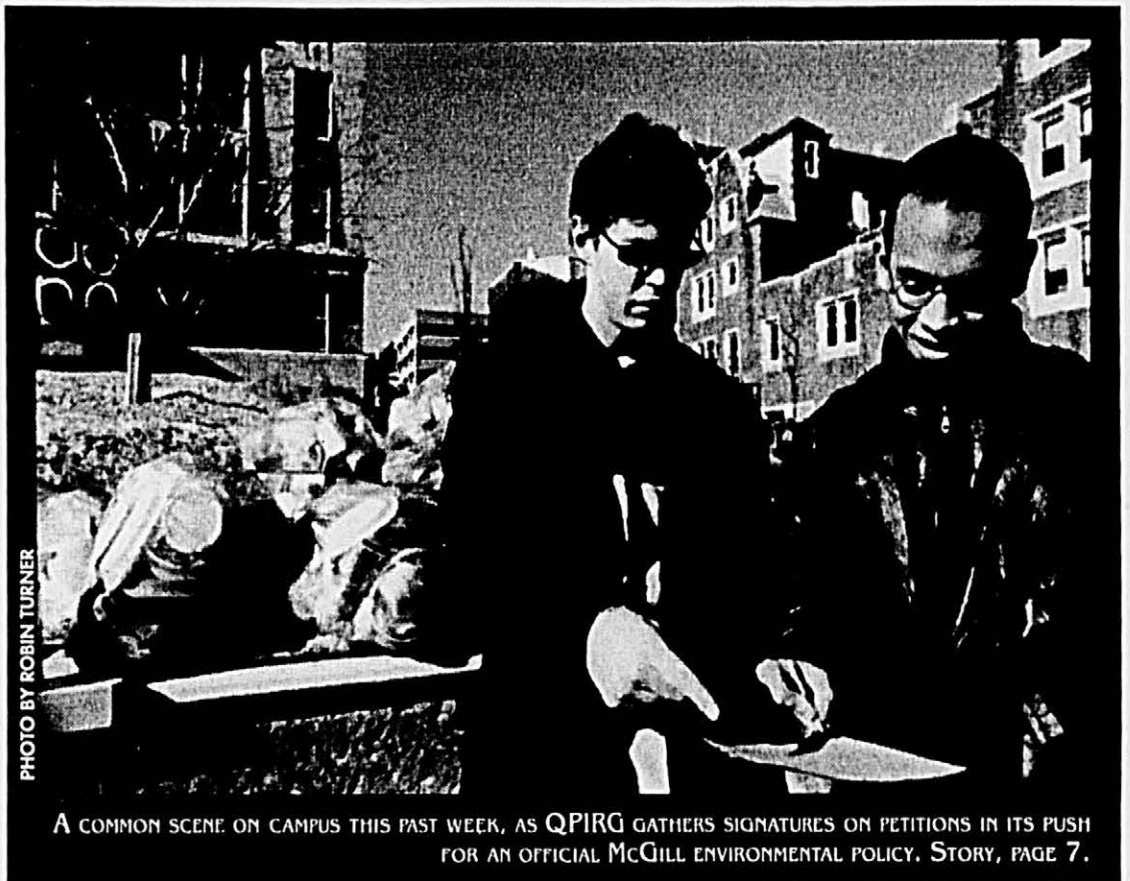


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A COMMON SCENE ON CAMPUS THIS PAST WEEK, AS QPIRG GATHERS SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS IN ITS PUSH FOR AN OFFICIAL MCGILL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. STORY, PAGE 7.

## Alternative Budget Calls Martin to Task

CCPA PROPOSES INCREASED SPENDING ON STUDENT FUNDING

BY LOUGI ADDARIO-BERRY AND JASON CHOW

This year's federal budget is just about due for release, but another budget has snuck in first.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has released their Alternative Federal Budget (AFB) for the 1999 year, calling for increased spending on medicare, home care, education, and in other areas.

The CCPA releases the AFB annually, and has been doing so for the past five years. Their goal in releasing the budget is primarily to "raise awareness in the Canadian population," but the budget also made some political ground, when it was presented directly to Paul Martin last week.

"Martin said he shared our objective," said Paul Leduc Browne, Senior Research Fellow with CCPA. "He 'hopes to see more groups like ours.'"

Browne was skeptical about the amount of influence the budget actually had on Martin. "The overall direction of the fed-

eral government is toward cutting back. The AFB increases the scope of public policy ... clearly, you can't see much influence."

The budget calls for a total increase in "core program spending" of \$12 billion in 1999, as well as \$6 billion in employment insurance benefits. These spending increases are not unfeasible, according to an independent economic forecasting firm hired by CCPA.

For students, the AFB proposed to increase funding and create a national program of grants for students to replace the existing system of loans. The AFB proposed a National Post-Secondary Education Act to ensure national standards, a fund providing cash transfers for colleges and universities, and a National System of Student Grants to help students finance education.

"It's clear that universities have become run-down. The AFB proposed to increase transfer payments to the provinces.... Overall,

a doubling in spending," he said.

Some national student leaders have sang praise for the AFB.

"We are very supportive of the budget. Budgets are policy choices that influence real people," said Simone Sait-Pierre, Communications Coordinator for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Though the CFS also views the budget as a tool for raising public awareness, they also see it as having potential in terms of affecting public policy.

"Though it's a national budget, it can also aid in influencing provincial policy, in terms of influencing grants ... and such things."

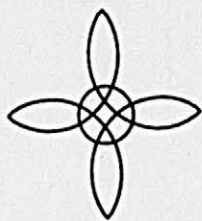
But some felt that the changes proposed in the AFB still fall short of feasible.

Hoops Harrison of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations felt that the AFB was poorly researched and wondered if it could have any policy influence.

"I was concerned about some areas of the budget," said (continued on page 10)



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## Letters to the Editor

During my university education at McGill and other places, I have only once experienced discriminatory exclusion at a campus event. This occurred when a philosophy professor decided to limit attendance at her presentation to women.

This past Thursday I was excluded at an event for Body Image and Eating Disorder Week. This despite being invited to attend by a member of the organizing committee who knew for over the past one and a half years that I have been doing research in that area. In addition, the Daily ad for the event stated it was "for women and men" and that "all are welcome."

I bring this up because of the serious potential of psychological distress it could have caused people. I hope that precautions are

taken in the future to better train and supervise certain members of this Peer Education Group so it does not happen again.

David S. Rovins

Re Shappy's Happy Dick (Hyde Park - Feb. 4)

Re Hustler Foretells the Advent of the Hysterical Phallus (Hyde Park - Jan. 21)

Erin Runions thinks she has ridiculed Montréal lawyer and new McGill chancellor Dick Pound, by referring to him strictly as "the Dick" in her article of Feb. 4. Ironically, she has done so at the cost of weakening the arguments made in her Jan. 21 letter.

On January 21, Ms. Runions published a piece in the Daily blasting Hustler magazine for publishing "[Heritage Minister Sheila Copps's] picture alongside pictures of four vaginas with a prize for guessing which one belongs to her." According to Ms. Runions, Hustler only displayed its "pathetic, typical sexism" by trying to diminish the dignity of "a real woman, through sexual commentary on her body parts."

Just two weeks later, however, we find Ms. Runions referring to Dick Pound as "the Dick, champion stroker... pleasuring Shapiro," along with more blatant sexual references than there were sentences in the opening paragraph alone. If this is not "sexual commentary on [his] body parts," I don't know what is.

Ms. Runions's comments were only detrimental to her credibility; by demonstrating that one can indeed successfully poke fun at a political figure with references to his or her sexuality, she unwittingly disproved many of the arguments she had made just two weeks before.

I am not trying to deny that Hustler is a sexist, misogynist publication. Furthermore, I concede that Ms. Runions's piece at least displayed a degree of wit and substance. Nevertheless, if Ms. Runions truly insists that all parts of the human body, genitalia included, be "held up as beautiful [and] intriguing," I suggest she lose the habit of referring to people she dislikes as "the Dick."

James Yap  
UO Science

Thank you for your excellent coverage of the greening McGill campaign. The fact that McGill has no environmental policy is distressing. But the worst part of this problem is that there is no one in the administration who has official responsibility for environmental issues and no one will take charge to make the necessary changes. Twice Campus and Community Environmental Activism (CCEA), a QPIRG working group, (continued on page 9)

Monday, February 8, 1999



# Knowing, Willing Killers

## IRAQI SANCTIONS ONLY HURT CIVILIANS

As photos of "camera-shy" Monica grace the covers of every imaginable rag, known euphemistically as the mainstream press, a grave injustice is being perpetrated against Iraqi civilians.

Amidst the bombs and sanctions of the glorious US-led effort against Iraq — the latter, a monster of world instability rivaled historically only by the raging Soviets and Adolf Hitler — the actual human beings living in Iraq have been completely erased from our collective consciousness. Of course, we've had the help of soundbites such as "degrading Saddam's assets" rather than, say, bombing Baghdad in darkness, inflicting the horrors of bombardment on all of its residents. Oh, the efficiency of "objective" reporting!

Meanwhile, according to UNICEF and other human rights agencies, an estimated 5,000 children die in Iraq every month due to economic sanctions; these endorsed, ever so rigorously, through the "ethics" of an American government, so ridiculously detached from all things-not-Monica, that they're willing to accept the death of these children under the guise of moral foreign policy.

Operation Desert Fox has been portrayed as an attack on Saddam Hussein, but we've heard little of the human aspect of what has become an almost surreal drama starring the US as moral crusader against Islam (played by Saddam) and all its evil facets, only morality is perpetually elusive for our protagonist.

Underneath the gossiping exploits of the New York Times and CNN, unfortunately, lies a subject too banal for the front page: human suffering. As Edward W. Said mentioned in an editorial of The Nation, "There is no awareness among macho commentators of actual Iraqi human beings, streets,

water supply, electrical power, the travail of daily life without access to food and shelter — just Saddam being 'hit over the head' by Operation Desert Fox."

BY  
JEFF  
WEBBER

Proponents of Operation Desert Fox, and even less sophisticated proponents of further sanctions, argue, no doubt, that Saddam Hussein is a dictatorial tyrant who deserves what comes his way. Furthermore, his refusal to allow UN inspectors in to specific sites where there was suspicion of biological weaponry, is reason enough to deploy the B-1 bombers, troops and aircraft carriers.

To be clear, the first point is irrefutably true. Saddam Hussein specializes in tyranny over his own population, and has repeatedly indicated his unquenchable thirst to tyrannize his neighbours. In response to the second point, to date there has been no proof revealed regarding Iraq's possession of biological weaponry (as there was no evidence substantiating the legitimacy of the American attack on Sudan in 1998).

The supposed purpose of the sanctions is to incite opposition within Iraq toward Hussein, which could then lead to a coup, or something of that nature. It's not working. There is no meaningful opposition growing in Iraq, and thousands of children are dead, thousands of others dying as I write these words.

It is clear that Iraq reneged on its agreement with the UN, but after each crisis the requirements on Iraq for compliance grew. Finally, they reached such prepos-

terous heights as demanding lists of the 14,000 people associated with the Iraqi nuclear program, and ordering a search of the Foreign Ministry. Iraq, holding on to some semblance of its sovereignty, refused. But the deeper reason for Iraq's refusal to comply, is quite simply political. Hussein clearly lives off his anti-US rhetorical might; thus, to comply to the UN, and consequently the US, would be to submit to a role of an American puppet. Hussein was and is all too aware that the bombs and sanctions wouldn't/won't hit him but Iraqi civilians, just as American foreign policy-makers are aware.

The point here is that sanctions are not eroding Hussein's regime to any substantial degree. And as a result people are dying. As for the American depiction of Iraq as its new high stake enemy in the post-Cold War era, the grounds simply aren't there. So, the second policy of bombardment, while arbitrarily killing civilians, is neither effecting Saddam's ruling capacity, nor precluding a strong "enemy" from taking over the world. For Bill Clinton, both do provide a nice excursion from domestic perils, however.

After recounting Hussein's seemingly innumerable offences as ruler of Iraq, Said conveys the essence of the situation: "Of course, he [Hussein] has continually provoked confrontations as a way of inflating his stature, but at what point does it become immoral to extract the price of his malfeasance from the citizenry?"

At what point does Bill Clinton call off the sanctions in the name of children's lives? At what point does he truly address morality?

Hopefully, not after an excruciating impeachment process as we lose count of the number dying.

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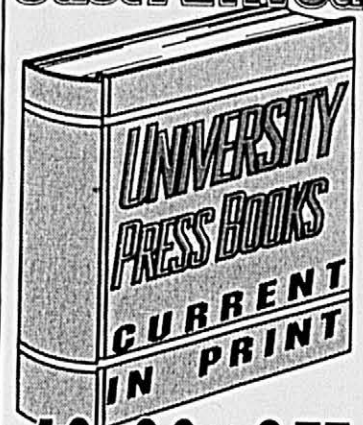
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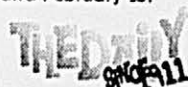
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# Diets Kill

## ANXIETY OVER BODY IMAGE CAUSING EATING DISORDERS

BY DASHA MERKUSHEVA

**D**ieting is one of the central causes of eating disorders. This year, the Eating Disorders Awareness Week made it their focus.

Titled "Trash the Diet!" last week's theme asked people all around the country to recognize and become aware of the uselessness and danger of diets.

At McGill, a conference organized by ANAB Quebec (Association for Assistance to Persons Suffering from Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia) was held, to which students brought their diet books, programs, pills and scales, and happily through them into a big trash can.

The National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC), based in Toronto, claims that at any time 70 percent of women and 35 percent of men are dieting.

The problem is, 98 percent of them fail. At the same time, last year people spent \$40 billion on diet programs, services and books, according to the ANAB brochure.

According to Donna Kuzmarov, a counselor at the Eating Disorders Unit of the McGill Health Center, the majority of diets fail due to their excessive restrictions and over-zealous goals.

"People don't tend to follow them, and they usually end up bingeing and overeating," Kuzmarov mentioned.

For instance, taking laxatives that advertise quick weight loss and control was proven to be useless and often dangerous to overall health. They were found to cause dehydration and a dangerous acceleration in the digestive process. So, apparent loss of weight is due to water loss.

Restrictive eating very often leads to development of an eating disorder, be it anorexia or bulimia. According to ANAB Quebec's press release, everyone who ends up with those diseases started from a diet.

"While not everyone who follows a diet ends up with an eating disorder, 100% of those with anorexia or bulimia started by going on a diet."

Dieting causes some to lose control over hunger, develop compulsive over-control, and results in anorexia, bulimia, or both.

So, why do people go on diets? Both ANAB Quebec and

NEDIC believe that the main demon is media's portrayal of ideal women and the society's expectations of what a woman should look like.

"If we watch 60,000 images a year with 59,999 of those being of thin women, we get the message that's the way we should look, while those models comprise only one percent of the total population of women," said Clare Lord, president of ANAB Quebec noted.

University students are probably affected the most, for they comprise the risk group of the population in their early twenties. Statistics from NEDIC suggest that about one out of every hundred women are starving themselves, and four out of a hundred have bulimia.

Director of McGill Residences Mrs. Tracy Florence acknowledges that eating disorders is an issue with students living in residences, but "since it is a private issue," she could not even ap-

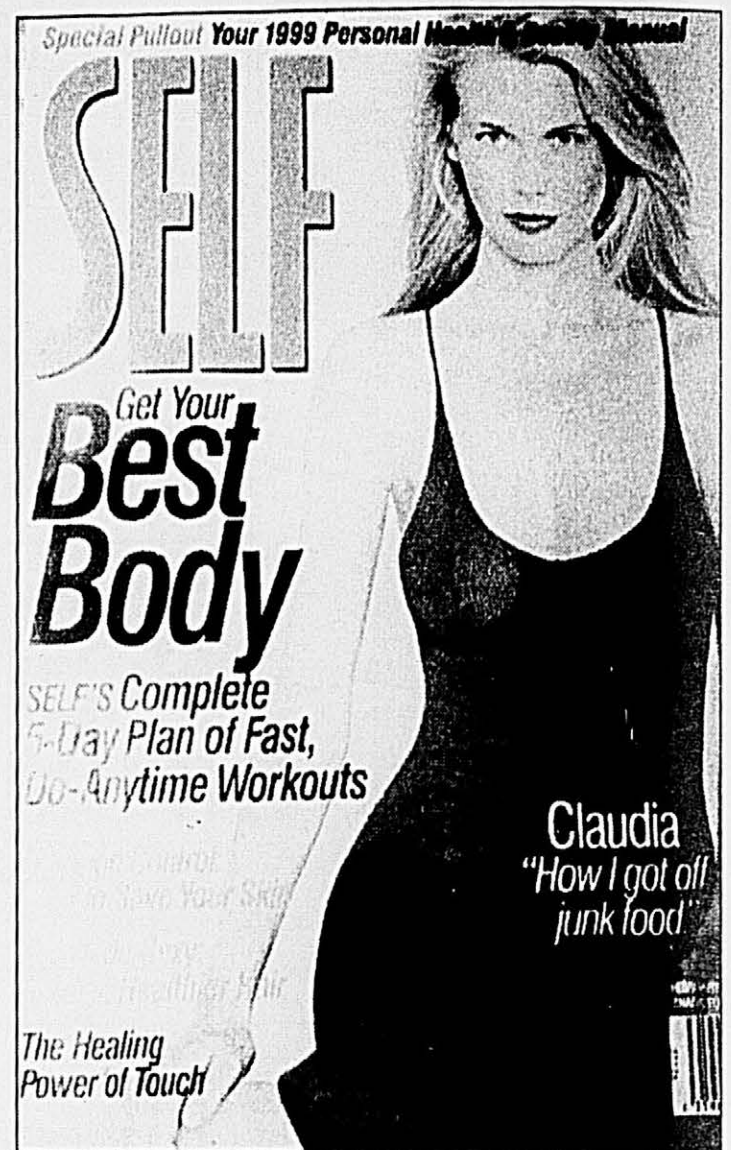
proximate the number of people suffering from eating problems.

Dr. Pierre Tellier, medical director of Student Health Services, says that right now Eating Disorder Unit is helping 22 people and during the two-year period of the Unit's functioning approximately the same number of students were helped each semester.

"Yet this is only a tip of an iceberg, for many people who have real eating disorders don't want to get help, and there is another group of people who have some symptoms of an eating disorder, but not the actual sickness, such as over-exercising or dieting," explained Dr. Tellier.

According to Tellier, both symptoms are known to originate most commonly when students begin university.

For more information, call ANAB Québec at 630-0907 or the Eating Disorder Unit of McGill at 398-3601.



MAGAZINES SUCH AS THIS ONE ARE CAUSING MORE AND MORE TO FRET ABOUT THEIR BODIES

# Our University Blind to the Environment

## QPIRG PILES UP GARBAGE AGAINST MCGILL

BY JP FOZZO

**A**nyone passing by the James administration building on Monday, February 1 probably noticed the large pile of garbage stacked high outside on the lawn. If you took the time to chat with one of the QPIRG Campus & Environmental Action Committee members present, you most likely signed a petition to press McGill into adopting a comprehensive environmental policy.

Monday's demonstration was to promote awareness on campus that McGill is lagging far behind when it comes to the environmental standards that have been implemented across the rest of the country.

As organizer Jeff Roberts

noted, "There was a wave of environmental awareness that came through the country, unfortunately, it seems that it passed right over Québec. When we informed people that McGill has no environmental policy, the general reaction was shock. So we got a lot of support on Monday and raised our number of signatures to nearly 2000!"

This is only the beginning of a campaign that is sure to raise eyebrows in the near future. Roberts says that the committee is currently putting together a panel discussion of professors in March to discuss the current state of affairs. This will be in addition to a motion in senate

attempting to implement a green policy at McGill.

CEAC co-coordinator, Becky Lipton, says it is extremely important to get that policy in place because once there is a structure to carry out, McGill can begin to catch up to the rest of the country. "It would oblige McGill to adhere to certain regulations," says Lipton, "In Ontario, University of Toronto, Guelph, Waterloo all have great programs, so do UBC and Simon Fraser, in B.C. Even Concordia has had a solid system in place for the last few years."

It seems that most universities in Canada already have a formal responsibility to the

environment and QPIRG is only trying to raise McGill to that level. The awareness campaign is necessary, Lipton says, because first people need to be informed as to what is taking place, and then a structure needs to be properly designed. Once that structure is in place, it can only grow.

If Monday's response to the campaign is any indication, there appears to be support from the student body. As both Lipton and Roberts said, the beautiful weather on Monday only helped their cause, as people were positive, receptive and genuinely concerned.

One can only hope that the university will be so supportive.



# Esther Delisle Exposes Mythed Memories

BY MELINA HOFFMAN

Here's the scene: Pierre Elliott Trudeau calls you up and invites you to do lunch with him. This man often has the word "mania" slurred along with his name, but you gracefully decline and don't look back. Québec historian Esther Delisle actually did that because, as she puts it, "The challenge is to remain as honest as possible." She feared she might become biased if she knew Trudeau, one of the subjects of her research, too well. Though Delisle answered point-blank "no," when asked if a historical work could be neutral, this woman still seeks the Truth, with a capital T. She seeks it with the methods of a detective rather than those of a traditional historian and from her confident (bordering on self-righteous) tone you can tell she feels she has it.

However, her truth is not the same as that of Québec historical orthodoxy or of those who hold hiring power in the universities. As the man who introduced her at the bookstore where she spoke this past Thursday lightheartedly announced, "This book will make it hard for Esther to do more academic work." Her book, entitled *Myths, Memory and Lies*, basically claims that traditional

twentieth century Québec history is a myth based on intentional lies. That's quite an allegation. And, if you ride the Metro or have walked the streets of Montréal, you'll recognize some of the names of the men she implicates in this conspiracy.

**"IN ORDER TO SELL THEIR IDEAS THEY HAD TO FORGET, AND MAKE EVERYONE ELSE FORGET, THE TROUBLING PAST."**

According to Delisle's extensive research, PQ founder René Lévesque lied. And it turns out that former Canadian ambassador to France Georges Vanier gave notorious Nazi collaborators visas allowing them to enter Canada. Keep that in mind next time you're riding the orange line. However, people's personal lies are not the main thing Delisle exposes with her work. She has taken on the task of refuting the existence of The Quiet Revolution, often classified as the most important event of the twentieth century in Québec. Unfortunately for her, this emergence of a modern Québec and decline in the Church's influence on the province is already dry ink in history textbooks. Imagine trying to explain to an eighteenth century rationalist that the Enlight-

enment, the set of ideas that defines him, was a myth based on lies covering up a dirty past. Definitely a thankless task.

But Delisle is set in her conviction to do it. With her thick French accent and without the prompting of notecards, Delisle stated her conclusions intensely and fluently to an audience composed of students, many just there by coincidence, and a smattering of older people who came for the occasion. Delisle's main thesis is

that before and during World War II, many Québec politicians and members of the intelligentsia were sympathetic to the Nazi-installed Vichy regime in France and right-wing ideologies in general. About a decade after the war, when accounts of Nazi atrocities became publicly known, young sovereigntists and older federalists like Trudeau tacitly agreed to entirely forget their former sympathies. This agreement overcame their political rivalry because, Delisle explains, "In order to sell their ideas they had to forget, and make everyone else forget, the troubling past."

But the politicians weren't the only ones involved in this conspiracy. The Québec intelligentsia, who didn't mind forgetting they had wine and dined with collaborators, also pretended they saw no dirt swept under the rug of forgetfulness. Then, worst of all from a historian's view, Québec historians

pulled their own collaborating act. Delisle's explanation of how the men in power got away with this blatant fabrication of the past is that "There is nothing like power to make your views, however ludicrous, have influence." She's got a point there, and has gathered mounds of proof from various sundry sources to prove it.

While most of the people listening to her persuasive presentation on McGill territory nodded along in agreement, she has more opponents than supporters. Challenging the status quo is rarely a popular thing to do and Delisle got attention from yet another premier back in 1994 when Jacques Parizeau took time out of his first speech in office to refer insultingly to her work. Her fellow historians, besides not making it easy for her to get a job in the field, also criticize her unorthodox methodology. Delisle's methods are indeed quite unique and she's proud of it. She points out that "history books don't have interviews." Yet her book is largely based on them and she quipped that "old ladies are the blessing of historians" for their willingness to

Esther Delisle

**MYTHS, MEMORY & LIES**

Québec's Intelligentsia and the fascist temptation 1939-1960

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spill the beans and help her dig to the Truth.

Whether she has the real facts or not is still up for debate, but she does have a damn good case and she's definitely not doing what she does for the fun of it. As for the non-existent monetary guarantee of her work, I was pleasantly surprised that her only promotional comment was a plea to "Help a poor author feed her animals." No matter what you may think of her views, it's nice to know that people like Esther Delisle are around and wouldn't let those animals stealthily change their mantra from "four legs good, two legs bad" to "four legs good, two legs better" in peace.

## Federal Stats Counter Myth of a Southbound Brain Drain

BY ALEX BUSTOS

OTTAWA (CUP) — There is little evidence Canada is suffering a mass exodus of talented workers to the United States, federal government figures show.

In fact, a large number of educated workers are coming into the country from around the world, contributing to a "brain gain" rather than a "brain drain," the study suggests.

According to the unpublished Statistics Canada report completed last October, approximately 32,800 university-educated people immigrated to Canada annually between 1990 and 1996.

In contrast, only 8,500 Canadians with post-secondary education left each year to the United States.

In other words, every year Canada gained almost four times the number of educated workers than it lost.

"And those numbers are very conservative," said Scott Murray, a Statistics Canada researcher and author of the report. "The U.S. output numbers are overesti-

mated, while the immigration figures are underestimated."

More specifically, the study also showed that more people with master's and Ph.D. degrees immigrated to Canada than left here for the U.S.

The only sector where international immigration did not outstrip emigration to the United States was health.

In a brief paper released last Wednesday, the left-wing Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives argued that doctors and nurses are moving south of the border because health cuts and salary caps are making it difficult to practice in Canada.

The short paper also stated that

fiscal conservatives who demand tax cuts to combat the so-called brain drain are fighting a fictitious battle.

"This (government) study was an effort to inject reality into the debate on the brain drain," said Seth Klein, director of the group's B.C. office.

But according to a right-wing think-tank, the Statistics Canada study is flawed. "It is very flimsy mathematics they are employing," said Walter Robinson, executive director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

"The brain drain is real. Yes, there is a small number of professionals leaving to the United States, but their impact on our

tax base is huge."

Citing a study by the C.D. Howe Institute, Robinson pointed out that in 1996, 8,600 highly skilled managers and professionals moved permanently to the United States.

In the same year, roughly 44,000 high-skilled workers went to work down south on temporary visas.

A high-skilled worker was defined as someone making \$70,000 or more per year.

If you look at the \$70,000 plus tax bracket, argued Robinson, you realize that even though this group makes up only 6 per cent of all taxpayers, they contribute 31 per cent of all tax revenue.

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has sent lengthy letters to Bernard Shapiro outlining the need for an environmental policy and reminding him of the Green Plan that was written by the Civil Engineering Department. Shapiro has agreed to "raise the matter with the Vice-Principals," and to consider the matter "under different budget circumstances."

Obviously, Shapiro cannot be counted on to take any sort of positive action this millennium, so those who want environmental responsibility will have to act independently of the administration. CCEA is still running the Greening McGill campaign so it is not too late to put your name on the petition stating your support for the implementation of the Green Plan. That petition will be brought to Shapiro for his consideration be-

fore the next meeting of the senate committee on March 22.

In the meantime, students could go a long way to reducing McGill's waste by re-using their mugs rather than accepting styrofoam, by walking the extra twenty feet to the recycling bin rather than throwing recyclables into the nearest trash can, by requesting that professors produce handouts that use both sides of the paper, and even by handing in assignments that use both sides of the paper.

At the Daily you have shown your support in principle for environmental responsibility, now let's see some action. How many copies of the Daily get printed? How many get picked up? If not all of the copies are getting read do not print so many!

Rosie Patch  
U1 Anthropology

I was shocked to see DuMaurier ads in our so-called left-wing

campus newspaper. I find it disgusting that the Daily would stoop to promoting all of the shit that goes into the growing of tobacco, the atrocious conditions that the people who work at harvesting tobacco work in, the transport and packaging of cigarettes, let alone the effects of smoking. I am so outraged at the cigarette ads in this newspaper that I am loath to see my writing appear in it. I am sorry that part of my student fees go to paying for this newspaper and I only wish that I had a subscription to the Daily because then I could cancel it.

Thank you,  
Rosie Patch  
U1 Anthropology

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said that it gives the student "the option to help the institution out." VP University Affairs Sam Johnston also supported the idea, citing that the current Library Improvement Fund gives the students the option not to pay.

Opposition was almost immediate, headed by Religious Studies representative Douglas Painter. He complained that an opt-out would allow some students to enjoy the benefits without paying. He also believed that the opt-out would destroy the communitarian ideal of the Fund, calling the opt-out clause a "travesty."

"Community resources paid by the community," said Painter. "Opting-out is defeating the heart of the message."

He later poked at Reid's opt-out argument and said, "Reid's argument doesn't make sense.... We vote for executives for the year to come." He then made an amendment to the existing motion to take out the opt-out clause.

Visibly ill, Reid said he was "not willing to continue the antagonism," and said that it has "taken a toll on his health."

Almost all the councillors added to the debate, dividing many into two camps. After over two hours of discussion, the amendment was finally passed, eliminating the opt-out clause from the referendum question.

**Referendum Question: "Do you agree to improve the quality of student resources at McGill by contributing \$38 per semester as a full-time undergraduate student (\$19 as a part-time undergraduate student) to the McGill Students' Fund to be collected by McGill University on behalf of the Students' Society?"**

The vote passed by a count of 17 to 5.

However, grumbling began from those who supported the opt-out. An angry Reid stood and launched an attack at his fellow councillors: "You are just a bunch of fucking talking-heads.... I am so angry at what you are choosing to do to your constituents."

The vote on the amendment was reconsidered. A vote was re-taken, but the amendment passed again. Upset by the amendment and wishing to reconsider the vote, Reid left the room.

A few minutes later, as Painter was about to leave the meeting, he told council the difficulty of continuing to serve for SSMU.

"I don't know if I can do this because credibility is becoming an issue," he said.

After the meeting, Reid responded to these charges, attributing them to the heat of the debate.

"Doug [Painter] was clearly emotional.... I am not embarrassed for myself. I think council ignored what was a fair and just proposal. The people who sup-

ported the opt-out supported the [Fund] the most. I think it was upsetting that those councillors who will be less involved in bringing forward the Fund were forcing their

ideas."

The referendum question in its amended form passed unanimously at the end of meeting.

Clubs and Services Representative Tamara Kocher said that the unanimity of the vote proved that council was still united behind the Fund. "We all want this to pass and we will make it happen together," she said.

Reid also believed he had a good proposal to take to students: "I'm still convinced we have a strong concept, the vast majority of students support its cause and understand its needs."



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Harrison. "This year, like most, it contains a lot of spending line items that would be very beneficial for Canadians. However, they fail to demonstrate where they are going to find that money, where it's going to come from, and what repercussions it would have."

Harrison also criticized the AFB's education proposals for creating a national system of grants for student financial aid.

"The argument is that, if you pool all the money of current financial aid programs: loans, bursaries, grants, etc., there is enough money to pay for the tuition costs of all students. But you wouldn't have what students rely on assistance for over and above tuition. Approximately 70% of a student loan disbursement is for things other than tuition, whether it be food, lodging, transportation, or

whatever," said Harrison.

Harrison was supportive of the AFB's recommendations for the quality of education: "There was a call for national standards for education ... we are supportive of that."

And as Canada awaits the next federal budget, slated to come out within the next week, student leaders are planning for last budget's education pledge: the \$2.5 Billion Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

CASA has sent out a press release advertising their representation on the national body charged with overseeing the scholarships and vowed to ensure that its implementation would be directed on a need-based criteria.

"It is going toward the neediest students, going toward 300 000 students a year. There are only 375 000 students receiving Canada stu-

dent loans this year. Almost 100% percent of students on [Canada Student Loans] ... will be able to receive assistance. That is good."

However, the CCPA and CFS have both been in opposition to the program, calling for the money to be allocated in grants.

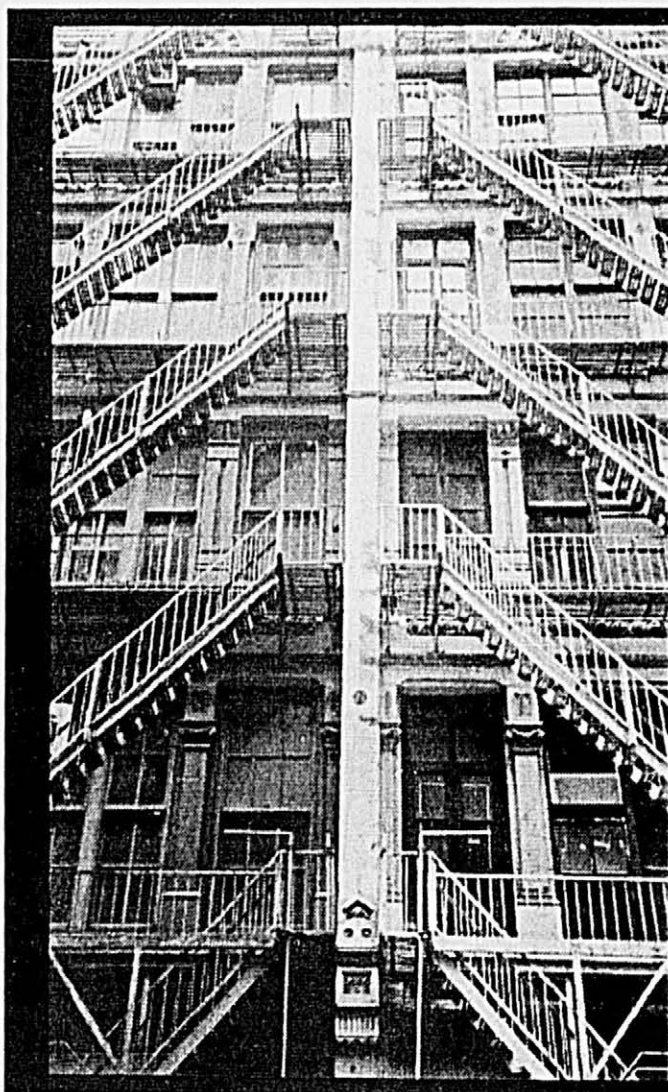
Leduc Browne said that the scholarships were misguided in their intention to help students: "It doesn't address the issue of student need."

In a press release, CFS National Deputy Chairperson Jennifer Story criticized the Millennium fund for being a stop-gap measure.

"Boutique programs like the Millennium Scholarship simply will not work. You can't cut more than 3 billions from education and training fund and expect that providing \$300 million a year in scholarships is going to fix the damage," she said.

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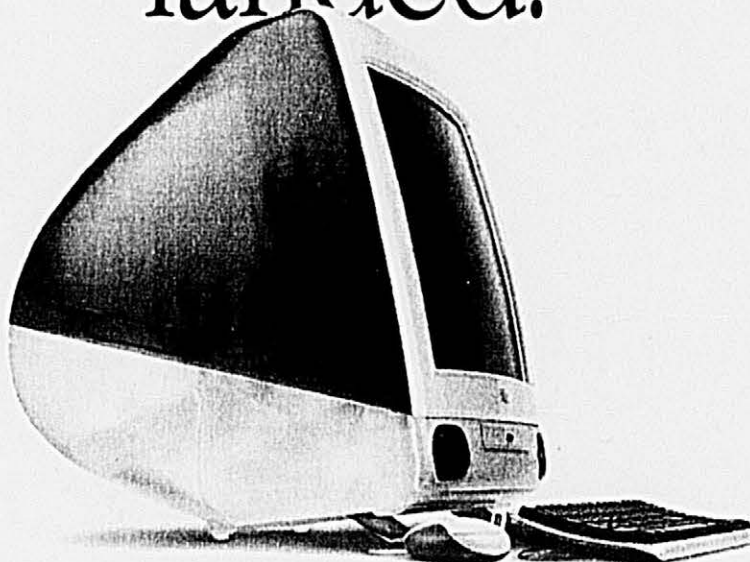
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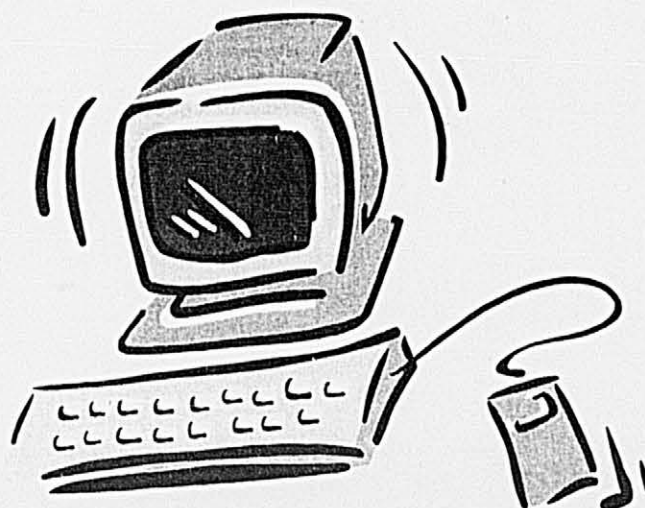
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